

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for the preparation of a femoral condyle for the insertion of monocondylar knee implants, comprising at least one combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] which, when the knee is in flexion, can be fixed to the femoral condyle at a desired spacing from a tibia plateau dependent on the thickness of a tibia implant to be inserted, the jig having concave side [(71)] facing the femoral condyle and being curved in accordance with a femur implant to be inserted, having at least one fixing passage [(69)] in a drilling section [(41)] of the jig for a drill and for a fixing element [(61, 63)], with the fixing passage [(69)] being positioned and oriented with respect to the curved side [(71)] in accordance with the femur implant to be inserted, having at least one slot [(57)] in a cutting section [(37)] of the jig for a cutting tool [(55)] by which a cutting plane for a condylar cut [(43)] is defined, and having has a coupling section [(23)] for an alignment aid [(15)] by means of which the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] located at the desired spacing from the tibia plateau is adjustable relative to the femoral condyle.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that at least one coupling passage [(73)] formed in the drilling section [(41)] of the jig and extending substantially perpendicular to the fixing passage [(69)] is provided as a coupling section [(23)] of the cutting and drilling jig [(45)].

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] can be coupled to a spreading device [(11)] by means of which a desired spacing can be set between the femoral condyle and an oppositely disposed tibia plateau.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that the cutting section [(37)] of the of the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] is simultaneously made as a slide attachment shoe which can be coupled to the spreading device [(11)] and via which the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] is adjustable in a compulsorily guided manner at the spreading device [(11)].

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 characterized in that the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] is provided, in addition to the fixing passage [(69)], with a positioning passage [(75)] which is formed in the drilling section [(41)] of the jig and via which the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] is positionable relative to the femoral condyle by means of a positioning pin [(59)] before the fixing to the femoral condyle taking place via the fixing passage [(69)].

Claim 6 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 characterized in that the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] can be coupled to an additional cutting jig [(81)] with which, when the knee is in flexion, a further condylar cut [(83)] can be fixed which extends in a curved manner between two planar cut surfaces [(39, 43)] which have previously been established at the femoral condyle and of which the one out surface [(43)] was formed by means of the cutting section [(37)] of the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] and the other cut surface [(39)] was made when the knee was in extension, with the two planar cut surfaces [(39, 43)] preferably extending at least substantially perpendicular to one another.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that [(the)] a course of the curved side [(71)] of the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] is able to be mapped at least regionally on the femoral condyle by means of the additional cutting jig [(81)].

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that the additional cutting jig [(81)] includes a disk cam [(85)] with a convex guide surface [(87)] along which a cutting tool [(55)] is guidable and whose extent corresponds to the curved side [(71)] of the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)].

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 8, characterized in that the additional cutting jig [(81)] is oriented with respect to the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] in the state coupled to the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] fixed to the femoral condyle such that the guide surface [(87)] of the additional cutting jig [(81)] and the curved side [(71)] of the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] are only translatorily offset toward one another.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that the additional cutting jig [(81)] is likewise fixable to the femoral condyle in the state coupled to the cutting and drilling jig [(45)] fixed to the femoral condyle.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that the additional cutting jig [(81)] is provided with at least one fixing passage [(89)], and preferably a plurality of fixing passages, which extend substantially perpendicular to the fixing passage [(69)] of the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] in the state coupled to the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)].

Claim 12 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 8, characterized in that the guide surface [(87)] is adjustable relative to the femoral condyle with the additional cutting jig [(81)] fixed to the femoral condyle.

Claim 13 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 8, characterized in that the additional cutting jig [(81)] includes a base section [(91)] which can be fixed to the femoral condyle and to which the disk cam [(85)] is adjustably attached with the base section [(91)] fixed to the femoral condyle for the alignment of the guide surface [(87)] formed at the cam disk [(85)] with a condylar cut [(39)] which was previously carried out, when the knee was in extension, at a desired spacing from the tibia plateau dependent on the thickness of a tibia implant to be inserted.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 13, characterized in that the disk cam [(85)] is adjustable relative to the base section [(91)] fixed to the femoral

condyle such that the vertex of the guide surface [(87)] formed at the disk cam [(85)] is disposed in the plane defined by the condylar cut [(39)].

Claim 15 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that the coupling section [(23)] of the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] provided for the alignment aid [(15)] is simultaneously made for coupling to the additional cutting jig [(81)].

Claim 16 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that a separate coupling device [(93)] is provided for the coupling of the additional cutting jig [(81)] to the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] at which the additional cutting jig [(81)] can be fixed and with which the additional cutting jig [(81)] is adjustable, in particular linearly displaceable, relative to the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] in the fixed state.

Claim 17 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 16, characterized in that the coupling device [(93)] includes a clamping device [(95)] by means of which the additional cutting jig [(81)] is fixingly clampable to the coupling device [(93)].

Claim 18 (currently amended): An apparatus in accordance with claim 16, characterized in that the coupling device [(93)] is removable with the combined cutting and drilling jig [(45)] and the additional cutting jig [(81)] fixed to the femoral condyle.